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CC: Jess Beck - NOAA Federal [jess.beck@noaa.gov]; Wahlstrom-Ramler, Meghan [Wahlstrom-Ramler.Meghan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Marine Aquaculture programmatic EIS question

Hi Paul.

Jess forwarded me your question about NEPA and ESA for the draft NPDES permit for Kampachi Farms. An Environmental Assessment (EA) was created to comply with NEPA for the permitting actions by EPA and USACE. The EA incorporated by reference documents created by NMFS including the PEIS for marine aquaculture in the Gulf. Additionally, the EPA and USACE jointly created a biological evaluation (BE) to evaluate potential impacts to endangered and threatened species and critical habitat in order to comply with ESA. The BE referenced the ESA determinations made by NMFS for commercial scale offshore marine aquaculture facilities in the Gulf. The permitting agencies (EPA and USACE) completed ESA consultation with the NMFS on 09/30/19.

I hope this information helps. Let me know if you need anything else.

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From: Jess Beck - NOAA Federal <jess.beck@noaa.gov>
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Kip and Meghan,
Can you please respond to Paul and cc me?
Thanks,
Jess

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From: Paul <paul@thenaa.net>
Date: Mon, Dec 16, 2019 at 4:35 PM
Subject: Marine Aquaculture programmatic EIS question
To: Jess Beck <jess.beck@noaa.gov>

Jess:

We are wondering if the programmatic EIS found in the marine aquaculture FMP has been or is being used when the NPDES permit was reviewed for Kampachi Farms. We are asking because in various places eNGOs are saying serious adverse consequences for ESA listed species have never been assessed.

Thanks,

Paul

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